Covering of export risks

3529. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for covering export risks, arising out of political instabbility in the importing countries; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSI): (a) and (b) The Export Credit Gurantee Corporation of India Limited is already providing insurance covers to Indian exporters against the risk of non-realisation of export proceeds due to occurence of the Commercial and Political risks involved in export on credit terms;

Local advisory Committee and Home Minister's advisory Committee for Chandigarh

3530. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) since when the Local Advisory Committee and the Home Minister's Advisory Committee for Chandigarh Union Territory have ceased to exist;

(b) what are the reasons for not reconstituting the aforesaid two bodies;

(c) whether Govednment propose to set up any other body there with greater involvement of the people in the Union Territory's affairs; and

(d) if so, what is Government's thinking in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The Local Advisory Committee for Chandigarh ceased to exist with effect from 1-4-1985 and the Home Ministers Advisory Committee for Chandigarh ceased to exist with effect from 1-5-1985.

(b) These Committees were not revived because of the impending merger of Chandigarh with the State of Punjab.

(c) and (d) At present there is no proposal for setting up of any other body.

Combating of Drug Trafficking

3431. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to make drug related offences non-bailable offences;

(b) if so, what are the full details thereof;

(c) what measures have been discussed during the last 2-3 months to combat drug problem; and

(d) what further steps Government have taken or propose to take to combat drug trafficking in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) In accordance with the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code, 1973 most of the drug trafficking offences under the Narcotic Drugs and Phychotropic Substances Act, 1985 are already non-bailable. However a draft Bill *inter-alia* seeking to make these offences specifically non-bailable by bringing suitable amendment to the above Act is at an advanced stage of finalization.

(c) and (d) The Honourable Prime Minister has laid down broad guidelines for a new initiative to combat drug trafficking and abuse, in April, 1988. A Cabinet Sub-Committee, under the Chairmanship of the Home Minister, has been constituted to over-